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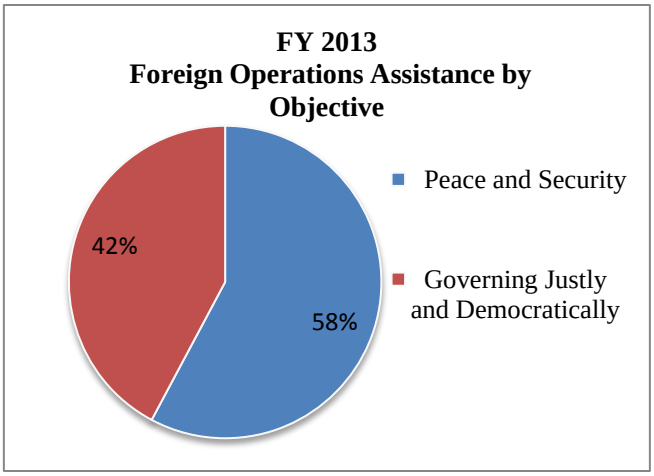
MONTENEGRO

U.S. assistance to Montenegro aims to solidify the rule of law, consolidate democratic institutions, contribute to stability in the Balkans, and advance the country's move towards Euro-Atlantic integration. In FY 2014, the United States will continue to focus on its core assistance objectives in Montenegro: reforming the country's security sector, supporting democratic institutions, and reducing Montenegro's vulnerability to corruption and organized crime.

Assistance Activities by U.S. Goals in Montenegro:



BY ACCOUNT	FY 2013 ACTUAL	FY 2014 ESTIMATE	FY 2015 REQUEST
TOTAL (in thousand $)	**4,862**	**4,425**	**3,990**
Economic Support Fund	823	309	200
Foreign Military Financing	1,139	1,200	1,200
International Military Education and Training	569	600	600
International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement	1,831	1,826	1,500
Nonproliferation, Antiterrorism, Demining and Related Programs	500	490	490

Democratic Structures in Montenegro Strengthened

- U.S. media assistance is funding training, workshops, and expert advice in journalism and media management skills for independent journalists and media outlets. Media training programs expose Montenegrin journalists to U.S. standards and practices.
- U.S. small grants assistance to local NGOs helps Montenegro build the social and intellectual foundations of democracy, advance the democratic resolution of problems, and institutionalize open, pluralistic political processes. In addition, the U.S. supported Speakers
- Program funds U.S. experts in a variety of policy-relevant fields to travel to Montenegro to provide in-country consultations, lectures, seminars, training, and workshops.
- Civic Education, Tolerance, and Engagement Projects develop leadership skills and raise civic awareness among youth and help them develop projects that address local, national, regional, and global issues of common concern.

Montenegro is Stable, Peaceful and Contributes to Global Security

- Through training and technical assistance, the U.S. government is helping Montenegrin military forces develop NATO-interoperable capabilities; equip maritime patrol units to conduct search-and-rescue operations; and train senior and mid-level military officers. In addition, NATO study tours and dialogue grants to NGOs help counter misperceptions about NATO and promote informed discussion about Euro-Atlantic integration.
- In support of Montenegro's efforts to pursue organized crime groups and fight corruption, U.S. rule of law experts are mentoring and training police and prosecutors to increase cooperation with

Montenegro's Special Investigative Team; put in practice pro-active investigative techniques; and implement the new Criminal Procedure Code, which supports the Prosecutor-led Special Investigative Team. Team's purpose includes building the institutional capacity of Montenegro's Judicial Training Center, and increasing civil society's knowledge of criminal-justice reform efforts.

BY OBJECTIVE	FY 2013 ACTUAL	FY 2014 653a	FY 2015 REQUEST
TOTAL (in thousand $)	**4,862**	**4,425**	**3,990**
Peace and Security	2,810	2,892	2,960
Governing Justly and Democratically	2,052	1,533	1,030

- U.S. experts are helping customs officials establish an effective strategic trade control system; providing equipment and training to help Montenegro's Border Police and Customs to more effectively interdict illicit trafficking in WMD-related materials and other contraband; promoting regional cross border cooperation in the area of border security.

FOR MORE INFORMATION*:*

http://www.state.gov/p/eur/ace U.S. Embassy Website www.foreignassistance.gov

*This fact sheet does not reflect centrally managed or regional Foreign Operations funding that is not specifically budgeted for Montenegro.

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